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| For: X-RAY GENERATING APPARATUS, | ) |                        |
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**AMENDMENT FILED WITH RCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

In response to the Office Action dated December 16, 2002, (Paper No. 8), and further to and including the unentered amendment filed on March 12, 2003, a Request for Continued Examination is filed concurrently herewith. Prior to continued examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.